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1. IN DISCUSSION OF THE ACC REPORT, STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY US, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, INDIA, PHILIPPINES, FINLAND AND ALGERIA. A GENERAL THEME DEVELOPED, EMPHASIZED BY FRANCE, NETHERLANDS AND INDIA, THAT WELCOMED THE MERGENCE FROM THE IVORY TOWER BY THE ACC, CHARACTERIZING ACC AND ITS SUB-UNITS FOR TOO LONG AS POSSESSING FALSE MODESTY, BUT ALSO NOTING A CONTINUING NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACC COORDINATION MACHINERY AND CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ACC AND ECOSOC AND THE SUB-BODIES OF EACH. THE NETHERLANDS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE CPC AND CALLED FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN THE 1974 SPRING SESSION OF THEIR PROPOSAL IN THE 54TH SESSION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, PATTERNED ON THE ACBQ. THE NETHERLANDS ALSO WELCOMED THE PROPOSED MEETINGS OF PROGRAM OFFICERS UNDER ACC AUSPICES. THE NETHERLANDS LAMENTED THE CENTRIFUGAL FORCES IN THE UN, SINGLING OUT UNIDO FOR CRITICISM, BUT ALSO RELATING IT TO THE PRESENTATIONS OF MAHEU AND JENKS. IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTERNOON SESSION, INDIA, WITH OTHER SPEAKERS, MENTIONED VALIDITY

OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION BOARD'S RELATIONSHIP TO ACC AND SUGGESTED THAT IN-DEPTH FUNCTIONAL STUDIES FOR 1974 SHOULD BE GEARED TO MID-TERM R&A EXERCISES. SEVERAL SPEAKERS RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LINKAGE OF WTO AND THE UN. THE PHILIPPINES STRESSED THE NEED FOR BETTER PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DDII. FINLAND INDICATED IT FELT INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION HAD BEEN PAID TO MASS POVERTY QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO DD II, CARRYING ON THE THEME THAT THE ACC SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING, ALGERIA STATED IT WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF ACC MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES AND ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE EASTERN BLOC STRESSED ITS OLD THEME THAT ACC SHOULD STAY OUT OF POLICY MAKING, THAT WAS THE SOLE PREROGATIVE OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LAMENTED THE LARGE NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND SUB-BODIES OF ACC, BUT FOR CHANGE WAS SOFT SPOKEN AND COMPLEMENTARY TO SECRETARIAT.

2. THE FAO REPRESENTATIVE, REFERRING TO REPORTS ON THE PROTEIN QUESTION, STRESS THAT PAG'S TERMS OF REFERENCE NOW EXPANDED AND ITS REPORTS NOW CONTAIN THE INPUTS OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. HE CONCURRED IN U.S. SUGGESTION FOR ONE REPORT BASED ON PAG WITH ADDED COMMENTS OF SYG TO HIGHLIGHT HIS OWN INTERESTS AS NECESSARY.

3. KITTANI, RESPONDING TO U.S., STATED THERE SEEMED TO BE "MEMORY GAP" SINCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WTO AND UN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT THE 54TH SESSIONS. THIS WAS NOT US QUESTION HE STATED, REPLYING TO NETHERLANDS, THAT SYG WAS TAKING A STRONG POSITION AGAINST THE UNIDO CENTRIFUGAL TENDENCIES AND WOULD MAKE HIS VIES CLEARLY KNOWN IN THE UNGA. HE URGED PATIENCE ON THE PROBLEM OF ECOSOC HANDLING OF THE IN-DEPTH REVIEWS, NOTING HOW MUCH BETTER THINGS WERE NOW THAN JUST A FEW YEARS AGO. NE
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HABITS TAKE TIME, HE COMMENTED, REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO THE WORD "PLANNING" WAS AN ANATHEMA TO CERTAIN DELEGATIONS NOW IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE PUSH FOR BETTER PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM IS SO NEW, DIFFICULT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO. HE DEBUNKED "MYSTERIOUSNESS" OF ACC, STATING IT MERELY VERY COMPLEX AND HARD TO COMPREHEND AND WHAT APPEARS IN REPORT IS "TIP OF THE ICEBERG" WITH ACC INPUTS BEING INJECTED AT ALL LEVELS OF CONSIDERATION. THE DEBATE WAS LEFT OPEN FOR FURTHER STATEMENT.

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